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# Request For Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

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Art Unit	1745
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**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.**  
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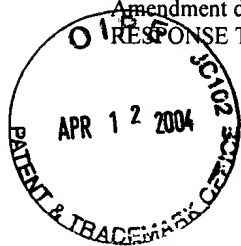
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Application No. 09/827,985  
Amendment dated April 7, 2004  
RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION dated March 10, 2004



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN THE APPLICATION OF : Ronald O'Connell  
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COLLECTORS IN A MULTI-LAYER  
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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated March 10, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.